

range. Possibly a distinct lack of native coleopterists, rather than the scarcity of the beetle itself, may be the reason for the paucity of records.— MICHAEL O’SULLIVAN, 20 St. James Gardens, Killorglin, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

Danish lepidopterist receives honorary doctorate from Russia

It is rarely that studies by an amateur lepidopterist earn academic recognition. Specially noteworthy therefore is the recent award by the Lomonossov University, Moscow of an honorary doctorate to Ernst Traugott-Olsen – a chemical engineer by profession. It stems from his independent researches on the taxonomy and phylogeny of the Elachistidae. Perhaps the best known and most widely used of his many publications is the monographic work with (the late) Ebbe Schmidt Nielsen on the Elachistidae of Fennoscandia and Denmark, published in *Fauna Entomologica Scandinavica* (1977). Dr Traugott-Olsen has deposited his collection of Elachistidae, complete with type material, in the Zoological Museum, Copenhagen. The original colour aquarelles of adults depicted in his publications are also in the museum.— JOHN BRADLEY, Conifers, Chard Junction, Somerset TA20 4QJ.

Clouded Buff *Diacrisia sannio* (L.) (Arctiidae), *Acrolepiopsis assectella* (Zell.) (Yponomeutidae) and *Adela rufimitrella* (Incurvariidae) three moths (Lepidoptera) new to Middlesex

Although relatively new to moth trapping, I have been running a light both at home and at work, in the London Borough of Ealing (Middlesex, VC 21), for the last two years. On 15 June 2003, I led a “Butterfly & Wildlife Ramble” over Horsenden Hill to look at the diverse wildlife there. Old maps show that the fields of Horsenden have been in existence since the 1500s. The Countryside Service has been managing them as hay meadows for the last 15 years and the resulting wildflower display is impressive.

Walking across Batts Field (OS grid reference TQ 159840) at about 10.30am, the party disturbed a male Clouded Buff *Diacrisia sannio* from the long grass. This distinctive moth was very fresh and in pristine. Later examination of Plant (1993. *Larger Moths of the London Area*) indicated that there were no previous Middlesex records for this species and an e-mail to Colin Plant confirmed this to be the case.

Amongst other moths recorded in the Ealing borough this year was an example of the Leek Moth *Acrolepiopsis assectella*, taken at m.v. light at Horsenden Farm (TQ 162840), in March 2003, and the small, green longhorn *Adela rufimitrella*, which was netted at Horsenden Farm, on 24 May 2003. Both were kindly identified for me by Colin Plant. Neither of these two species is listed by Plant in his provisional list of the microlepidoptera of Middlesex (2002. *London Naturalist* **81**: 123-186).

One further record of interest this year, was a single Kent Black Arches *Meganola albula* (D.& S.), which I took at mv light on Rockware Field, Horsenden Hill (TQ 156841) on 20 July 2002. The only previous Middlesex record for this species relates to one taken in Harrow in 1901 (*Trans. City of Lond. ent. Nat. Hist. Soc.* **11**:63).— RACHEL TERRY, Parks & Countryside Service, Horsenden Farm, Horsenden Lane North, Greenford, Middlesex UB6 7PQ.